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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 15, 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, ARGENTINE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, PROVIDED

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING ARGENTINE TERRORIST

ACTIVITIES: (

ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES HAVE SCORED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESSES

AGAINST THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLES

REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAVE

DEVELOPED INFORMATION, JUDGED TO BE RELIABLE, THAT THE ERP AND

THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS WILL JOIN FORCES AND WILL, ANNOUNCE THEIR MERGER IN A PUBLIC MANIFESTO, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED

ON AUGUST 22, 1976, THE ANALYERSARY DATE OF THE SO-CALLED TRELEW

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INCIDENT, DURING WHICH SEVERAL ARGENTINE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED

BY ARGENTINE MILITARY FORCES DURING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT FROM AN ARGENTINE MILITARY DETENTION CENTER. THE REASON FOR THE MERGER

IS THAT THE ERP HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRIPPLED DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS BY SECURITY FORCES.

ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BELIEVE THAT ERP LEADER, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, IS IN BUENOS AIRES, AS WELL AS MONTONERO LEADER, MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - RE MY EARLIER CABLE OF JULY 15, 1976, WHICH

REPORTED INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON JULY 14, 1976,

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AAIS BELIEVED THAT THE ERP WOULD TURN TO THE MONTONEROS FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. ABOVE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR CONFIRMS AND ADDS TO THIS INFORMATION.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS SECURED FROM THE MINISTER OF THE
INTERIOR DURING A PRIVATE AUDIENCE BETWEEN HIM, THE AMBASSADOR AND
ME.

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